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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The prayer today will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Garfield, NJ.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, beneficent Lord of all mankind, Thou who hast blessed our Nation with blessings beyond measure, with gratitude we pause in this hallowed place simply to say thank You. Thank You for Your presence with us always. Thank You for the joy Your presence brings. Thank You even for the challenge and the responsibility which is ours by virtue of said blessed presence. Your presence with us demands a witness and an example of a demonstration of righteousness, love, peace, and justice; so our prayer is that You will also bless us to be true to Your cause in all the world.

Dear Father, bless the women and men of this august body, which represents a people so blessed by Thee, to always seek Thy way and Thy will as is made clear by Thy word. Bless them in their deliberations to purpose always that such seeks Thy face. For, in so doing, "Thy will, will be done in the earth as it is in the heavens."

Lord, grant now our Senators the wisdom, courage, and tenacity to follow after Thee as they conduct the people's business. Bless them always with humility and a servant spirit. Bless

them as they work with our President and the House of Representatives, for whom we seek Thy blessings as well, in the name of Thy beloved Son. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2804

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 2804 is at the desk and is due for its second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that H.R. 2804 be read for a second time and I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for a second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2804) to designate the United States Courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the James R. Browning United States Courthouse.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of the Energy Reform Act. The Kyl amendment is pending. There will be 4 minutes of closing debate prior to the vote in relation to this amendment.

The majority leader asked me to notify all Members that we are attempting to work out an arrangement on the Lott amendment which has also been offered on this legislation.

We also have been working with the minority to come up with a finite list of amendments. I spoke with Senator MURKOWSKI last evening. He believes

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